

By: Bell

H.B. No. 2479

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2479:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permit applications for solid waste facilities in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.0681 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.0681. DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. The commission may not issue a permit for a new municipal solid waste landfill if:

(1) the proposed site is located in a county with a population of less than 70,000 and more than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million; and

(2) a previous application was submitted to the commission to operate a new municipal solid waste landfill at the same proposed site and:

(A) the previous application was returned to the applicant by the commission for containing inadequate or incomplete information; and

(B) the applicant for the previous application stated in writing that the previous application did not meet requirements established by commission rules.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for the issuance of a permit pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date

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1 of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.